

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is submitted for the sole purpose of correcting the originally filed PCT claims to better match US Practices.

The originally submitted PCT claims numbered 1-65, and were in the German language.

Amendments were filed in the German language during the PCT prosecution. However, no translation of those claim amendments are filed with the US National stage application, so it is understood that those amendments will be essentially ignored for purposes of the US prosecution.

New English language claims 66-125 are filed herewith. These claims are to be used for purposes of the US examination.

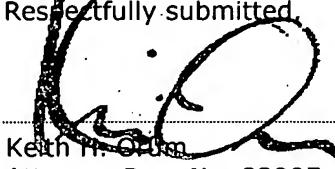
In canceling the original claims 1-65 there is no admission by the applicant regarding substantive patentability of those claims. The cancellation is only carried out in order to allow presentation of the new US style claims 66-125.

Applicant now respectfully requests further prosecution on the merits.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant hereby petitions for a four-month extension of the term for reply from 4 October 2007 to and including 4 February 2008. Submitted herewith is a check for \$820.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 14442.

Respectfully submitted,


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